

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 were pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner found that there were allegedly two distinct inventions in the above-identified patent application and required restriction to one of those inventions, as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-6; and

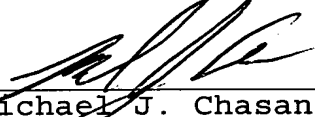
Group II: Claims 7-22.

Applicant elects without traverse, for examination in this application, the invention of Group I (claims 1-6).

Applicant has canceled withdrawn claims 7-22 without prejudice. Applicant has also added new claims 23-28 to more particularly define the elected invention. No new matter has been added and the new claims are fully supported and justified by the specification.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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